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: Group Art Unit: 2861
Application No.: 10/775,094)
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For: LIQUID STORAGE CONTAINER,)
AND LIQUID DISCHARGE)
RECORDING APPARATUS)
USING THE CONTAINER : January 10, 2006

Commissioner for Patents
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants respectfully direct the Examiner's attention to Japan 2001-1543, a copy of which is enclosed and which is listed on the attached Form PTO-1449.

This document was cited during prosecution of a Chinese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the Chinese Search Report, which is dated November 7, 2005, is enclosed. In view of this date, it is hereby certified under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each document in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Statement.

Foreign counterparts for this Japanese reference are not known, but an English language abstract has been located and is attached.

Japan 2001-270131, which was also cited in the Search Report was previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement dated June 22, 2005.

The Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialling the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

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